

## PRIMIER BRIAND TO ATTEND DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

House Committee Votes 91 to 87 Against Plan of the Administration—Also Against Reduction of the Income Sur-  
taxes to 32 Per Cent.—Special Rule Adopted Under Which the Vote on the Bill Will Be Taken at 3 P. M. Saturday—Text of the Tax Measure as Presented to the House Will Contain 16,000 Words.

Washington, Aug. 15 (By the A. P.).—The hope of American officials that the disarmament conference will be a diplomatic success is being strengthened by the fact that the first order was strengthened today when France informed the state department that she would send her premier, A. A. Briand, at the head of her delegation of diplomats.

The decision is expected here to be followed by similar moves on the part of other powers to the effect of giving extraordinary significance and giving it much of the plenary authority that was the province of the council of "heads of state" at Versailles.

The French notification came in the form of a message from Premier Briand to the president of the senate, in which he can embassy at Paris, saying merely that the premier would take pleasure in performing the duty of representing his country at the conference.

It is significant that the French ambassador in Washington, M. Briand, in accepting the invitation omitted any attempt to discuss the subject matter.

the conference, but it is understood that separate informal negotiations have been going on in a way among all the interested nations, and the subject of what matters are to be considered in the scope of the discussions. The text of the invitation to the conference, which was addressed to Secretary Hingston, was signed by Ambassador Heric, was followed by Premier Brand authorizing me to press through you to the president appreciation of the invitation to the Washington conference on Nov. 31 and to express to you the high regard and great pleasure in attending the conference in person as head of the "British delegation."

**MRS. O'BENCHER AND BURCH  
HEAR INDICTMENT READ**

Los Angeles, Aug. 15.—Extension of time until Aug. 25 in which a plea was granted Arthur C. Burch and Mrs. Madeline O'Bencher, indicted for murder in connection with the shooting of J. B. Kennedy, today when they were arraigned.

Ralph Olmstead, who allowed Mrs. Olmstead a divorce so that she might marry Kennedy, and who hurried to her side in response to a telegraphic appeal, said that he had not been in New York today, for this case only, to aid in Mrs. Olmstead's defense. He had arrived here from Chicago yesterday in company with J. W. A. Burch, father of the slain president.

Attorneys for the defense in urging the jury declared that they wished more time in which to consult on possible motions to be made on technical points at the time of pleading.

While the indictment was being read Mrs. Obenchain stood beside her former husband.

Further hearings will be held tomorrow on the chemical schedule.

<p><b>SHOULD REDUCE FREIGHT RATES ON LIVESTOCK</b></p>	<p><b>\$1,000,000 LOSS AND SIX DEATHS RESULT OF FIRE</b></p>
<p>Washington, Aug. 15. — Railroads should reduce voluntarily their freight rates on livestock to 89 per cent. of the present rates, but should not reduce rates on other commodities, the Interstate Commerce commission said in a report</p>	<p>Philadelphia, Aug. 15.—The number dead from the million dollar fire at Point Breeze plant of the Atlantic Refining Co. has been increased to six when William E. Young, who was verily burned in the first explosion, was</p>

The case, which involved principally railroads and shippers of cattle in the entire western and southwestern cattle producing territory, was brought by the National Livestock Shippers' league and against other livestock shippers' associations.

The complainants, the commission said,

presented their case largely on the basis of economic necessity, adding that "they do not seriously assail the livestock rate structure."

Fire Marshal Elliott tonight said he believed an overheated still had caused the blaze rather than backfire from a motorcade, as had been thought probable earlier.

**\$200,000,000 WILL SETTLE CLAIMS OF RAILROADS.**

Washington, Aug. 15.—Director General Davis of the railroad administration told

**STUDENT SHOT WHILE ACTING AS PEACEMAKER**

Pittsburgh, Aug. 15.—Fred Smith,

Pittsburgh, Aug. 18—Fred Meisner, executive director of the Carnegie Institute of Technology summer session, said today that the number of students had increased four times today when he interfused two meetings between Meisner and his mother, sister, and John Butler, a brother-in-law. The meetings were held where it was said his condition was serious.

Butler told the police that he

and Mr. Davis was supporting the measure, predicting that the bulk of the administration's affairs would be liquidation by December 31, 1922.

**FAIL TO AGREE ON WAGE FOR WINDOW GLASS WORKERS**

Cleveland, Aug. 15.—Representatives of the American Window Glass Workers' union and the Glass Bottle and Jar Manufacturers' association failed to agree on a new contract today, passing through the tech school group when he became involved in an altercation with Harry Zinsheim, a member of the police force, who had nearly tried to stop the guard. When the police said, was raving when he took him to the police station and police officers were called to determine mental condition.

**MATE CHARGED WITH**

The National Window Glass Workers' association and the Association of Window Glass Manufacturers failed to agree on a wage settlement in the window glass industry after a final conference here today.

James J. Hagen, president of the workers' association announced that at today's session the manufacturers demanded a wage reduction of 22 1-2 per cent.

The workers refused to accept that the strike was a concession. Being unable to reach a compromise the conference adjourned.

**CANADIAN RYE WHISKY  
CONSIGNED TO MICHIGAN**

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 15.—A carload of Canadian rye whiskey, consigned for export to the United States, was found to be short of its full quantity. The shortage was traced to a leak in the car, which was caused by a hole in the floor. The whiskey was found to be of good quality, and the leak was repaired. The car was then loaded with the full quantity of whiskey and consigned to Michigan.

**AUSTRIAN GYO TO SELL**

Michigan paladins, arrived here today from the east, but had not yet started across the border into Russia last nightfall. An exporting agent of a distillery had charge of the shipment.

Hundreds of thirsty Detroit folk came to the city on the week-end searching for open bar rooms. They were surprised to find that while exporting was in order, the city itself was dry.

**THE WOELLERSDORF ARSENAL**

Vienna, Aug. 15.—The Austrian government has sanctioned the sale of great Woellersdorf arsenal the largest plant in Austria. To a German syndicate a small portion of the stock belonging to the government has been sold. Purchasers include the Bankers Trautson, Söndheimer and Company and Lud-

**MOTORCYCLE RICKER**  
**KILLED AT TOLEDO**  
Toledo, O., Aug. 15.—Less than half an hour after he had broken the world's dirt track motorcycle record for one mile, covering the distance in 45 seconds, Albert W. Burns, 27, of Oakland, Calif., was fatally injured when in the first lap

of a 35-mile race at the fair grounds here yesterday. Fellow rider crowded him, forcing his machine to skid and crash through a fence. Burns' neck was broken and he died en route to a hospital.